From: Simmons, Denise
To: Wayne Welke
Subject: Re: Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard Resolution
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:49:19 PM

Dear Mr. Welke,

Thank you for your thoughtful email. I must confess that this particular issue is not my area of expertise - I would not presume to know all the intricacies of Israeli politics and the daily goings-on there, nor am I sufficiently well-versed on the BDS movement. I am currently in the process of reading up on this from a variety of different sources, and this process will continue up until such time as this comes before the City Council.

I must also confess that I have yet to see a draft of the proposed resolution, if such a draft exists. I have met with people who have advocated for the HP boycott, I have met with those who are opposed to it, and I am in the process of reaching out to our congressional representatives to seek their opinions on this matter. As with any business before the Council, I am committed to keeping an open mind and learning as much as I can before I determine how I will vote. If this does ultimately come before the City Council, I will look forward to a robust discussion amongst my colleagues and I will do all that I can to ensure that people from all sides of this issue feel they have been given an opportunity to weigh in and be heard. Again, thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts on this matter.

E. Denise Simmons

From: Wayne Welke <wayne.welke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Simmons, Denise
Subject: Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard Resolution

Dear Councilor Simmons,

I urge you to support the Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard resolution when it comes before the City Council. It calls on the city to end its contracts with HP Inc and HP Enterprise until the companies end their support for:

1. violence against and oppression of Palestinians,
2. deportations and surveillance of immigrants in the U.S., and
3. oppression and surveillance of those currently and formerly incarcerated in the U.S.

The slanderous misinformation in mailings and phone calls from big-money opponents of this resolution are unacceptable intrusions into the reasoned choices of Cambridge citizens. As a 50-year Cambridge resident and voter, I urge you to stand strong and progressive against right-wing intimidation.

Please support the Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard resolution.

~Wayne Welke

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